Almost 1% of the world population is affected by epilepsy – in Switzerland that is around 70,000 people. Since 1931 the Swiss League Against Epilepsy has provided support on all aspects of the condition to professionals and people with epilepsy. Our goal is to provide a lasting improvement to the everyday life of those affected by epilepsy and their situation in society. The Epilepsy League is a specialist organization operating throughout Switzerland and at the same time forms the Swiss chapter of the International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE).
What we do

Research

“The seed funding from the Epilepsy League has paid off enormously. We have learnt a great deal about the genetic causes of epilepsy and can now recognize many forms of epilepsy better and earlier. Moreover, this knowledge has enabled better, targeted treatment to be developed for some patients during several follow-up studies.” (Prof. Johannes Lemke, 2011 Research Grant recipient)

With our annual Research Grant and the Prize for Best Dissertation, we support scientific projects. In this way we help improve the understanding of epilepsy and enable treatment processes to be derived or further developed. We also motivate doctors and other scientists to engage more fully with the topic of epilepsy.

Our specialist journal *Epileptologie*, flyers, professional conferences and training events help our members in Switzerland and abroad interact and keep their knowledge up to date. There are English abstracts of all the articles in *Epileptologie*, many of which are written in English.

Members also receive a discount on international specialist journals dealing with epilepsy.

Help

“After the long flight to Vietnam my father has had an epileptic seizure for the second time in his life. Do we need to abandon our trip?”

The office of the Epilepsy League is here to answer questions about epilepsy – and we also speak English. We help people with epilepsy get in touch with specialists and provide information on medical and other related issues to them, their families, interested school and higher education students as well as professionals.

Information

“Being a member of the Epilepsy League helps me stay up to date.” (Member)

We hold free information events for people with epilepsy and their families as well as for professionals, usually in German or French. Our information flyers and DVDs are available to all either free or at a very low cost.
We also address the general public through our website, the media and information campaigns such as the National Epilepsy Day on 5 October. This work educates people about epilepsy and helps break down prejudices. Extensive information can be downloaded or ordered in German or French from our website, some of the information is also available in Italian: [www.epi.ch](http://www.epi.ch)

We are also planning to publish more extensive information in English.
I/we would like to support the Swiss League Against Epilepsy as a:

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- Corporate member (companies and institutions)  CHF 100/year
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As a member you will be invited to our events and will receive our publications regularly. At the same time, you will be showing your solidarity with persons affected by epilepsy and will be supporting our work.

All donations are gratefully received and we assure you we will use them wisely. Your donation is tax deductible in Switzerland. Could you perhaps mark a special occasion by making a donation rather than buying a gift? Or if you are celebrating the life of a departed loved one, might you ask for donations to the Epilepsy League?

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